



Laura Elaine Hartnell

Tonto Basin Elementary School #33

Governing Board Candidate

Hello! My name is Laura Hartnell, and I am running for re-election. I was appointed to the Tonto Basin School Governing Board, 2-years ago.

I am a native Arizonan, and have spent the past 16-years in Tonto Basin. We purchased our property in Tonto Basin in 1998 as a second home, and relocated here in the summer of 2000. I have run a successful mortgage business in the Payson area for the past 12-years.

I became a school board member, upon the encouragement of a number of friends in the community. Although my children are grown, I have always stayed involved with activities at Tonto Basin School, and have the utmost respect for the teachers and staff. I truly believe that the school is the “heartbeat” of Tonto Basin. If things are not going well, it is felt throughout our community.

During the past several years, our school has struggled tremendously, due to the lack of full-time leadership. This has resulted in a significant amount of turnover of teachers and administrators. Our children need to feel safe and secure, and it’s imperative we provide a stable learning environment for them. With the proper leadership and teaching staff in place, our students will receive a quality education and the confidence needed to succeed in high school, and ultimately college.

We have recently hired a Full-Time principal/superintendent, and many positive changes are taking place. There is still a lot of work to be done, and additional improvements are in process. We are ready to roll up our sleeves, and get to work. It would be a privilege to continue my tenure as a board member and be part of the exciting changes ahead.

Thanks in advance for your consideration. Please take the time to vote for me in the general election on November 8, 2016.

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